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TAGS: SNAR,TU

SUBJECT: TURKISH POPPY PRODUCTION

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1. ON BASIS OF MEETING WITH SIR HARRY GREENFIELD (REFTEL C), I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT OUR FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO PM ECEVIT ON POPPY PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER DELAYED. THEREFORE, I PLAN TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH HIM IN NEXT DAY OR SO. I WILL OF COURSE BEGIN BY PRESENTING THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (REFTEL B).

2. I DO NOT INTEND AT THIS MEETING TO GO INTO ALL THE MYRIAD DETAILS THAT EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING BACK AND FORTH IN RECENT DAYS. INSTEAD, I WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE THREE PRIORITY AREAS TO WHICH I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ATTACH THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SEVERE RESTRICTIONS OF ACREAGE DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF GROWTH AND EXPANSION THEREAFTER ONLY AS TURKEY DEMONSTRATES TO WORLD COMMUNITY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS CONTROL SYSTEM.

B. THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING CULTIVATION AGGREGATED, AND READILY ACCESSIBLE FROM MAIN ROADS.

C. THE ADOPTION, INCLUDING DURING THE FIRST YEAR, OF THE  
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POPPY STRAW PROCESS AND THE FORBIDDING OF ANY OPIUM PRODUCTION

(I.E., INCISION OF THE PODS).

3. IN ADDITION TO EMPHASIZING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THESE THREE POINTS, I WILL ASK THE PRIME MINISTER TO INDICATE A HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE IN WHOM HE HAS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND TO WHOM WE CAN TURN FOR FURTHER PRIVATE GOT-EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THESE AND OTHER SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PREVENT ILLICIT TRAFFIC.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SIR HARRY GREENFIELD IS NOT PREPARED TO PRESS EITHER POINTS A OR B FOR REASONS OUTLINED REFTEL C. NEVERTHELESS, I CONTINUE TO REGARD THEM AS MOST IMPORTANT AND WE WILL PERSIST IN EMPHASIZING THEM HERE.

5. AS REFTEL C INDICATES, SIR HARRY WISHES TO CONCENTRATE ALL HIS INFLUENCE ON GAINING GOT ACCEPTANCE, FROM THE FIRST YEAR FORWARD, OF THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS. HE CLEARLY REGARDS THIS AS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE. EMBASSY FULLY AGREES THAT THIS WOULD BE A BREAKTHROUGH OF CRITICAL MAGNITUDE AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO SUPPLEMENT HIS EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.  
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